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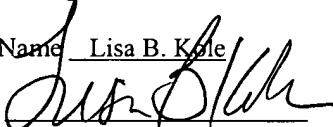
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- 45) Tugulea et al., 1997, "New Stategies for Early Diagnosis of Heart Allograft Rejection," Transplantation (Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, MD, US) 64(6):842-847.
- 46) Jutte et al., 1994, "The Development of Transplant Coronary Artery Disease After Cardiac Transplantation is Correlated with a Predominance of CD8+ T Lymphocytes in Endomyocardial Biopsy Derived T Cell Cultures," Clinical and Experimental Immunology 98(1):158-162.
- 47) Panajotopoulos et al., 1992, "A Successful Second Renal Allograft Across Positive B-Cell Crossmatch due to IgG Anti-HLA DR5 Antibody," Clinical Transplantation (Munksgaard, Copenhagen, DK) 6(3I):196-198.
- 48) Taylor et al., 1987, "A Positive B Cell Crossmatch due to IgG Anti-HL:A Antibody Present at the Time of Transplantation in a Successful Renal Allograft," Tissue Antigens 30(3):104-112.

Note that a fifth reference cited in the Supplementary Partial European Search Report, Ten Hoor et al., 1993, "Specificity and Ig Class of Preformed Alloantibodies Causing a Positive Crossmatch in Renal Transplantation," Transplantation 56(2):298-304, was already cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated May 24, 2002.

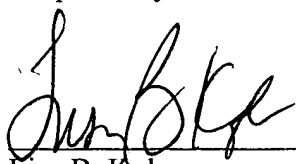
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Respectfully submitted,

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